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1. The reply brief filed has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal. The examiner notes that because the pending claims' language are broad, cited references already suggest what applicants claim as their own intellectual property. It is also an inherent fact that many components in a vehicle must be interrelated in one way or another – directly or indirectly (see cited Kitano's reference); if not, they do not need to be installed/used in a vehicle.

CONCLUSION

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